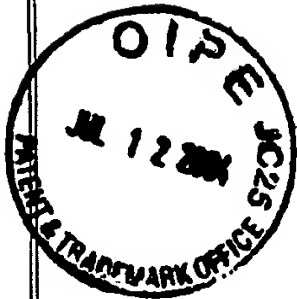


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Serial No.: 09/771,882

Examiner: Brian J. Sines

Filed: January 30, 2001

For: POISON RESISTANT COMBUSTIBLE GAS SENSORS
AND METHOD FOR WARNING OF POISONING

REQUEST FOR REFUND

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

On June 16, 2004, Applicants filed a Notice of Appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Final rejection mailed December 16, 2003. Also filed was a request for a three month extension of time for a response to this Final Office action.

On March 1, 2004, the Examiner telephoned the undersigned to report that prosecution in this application would be reopened. However, no Advisory Action was ever received by the undersigned confirming that prosecution was being reopened.

On July 9, 2004, the undersigned again spoke with the Examiner who informed him that an Interview Summary had

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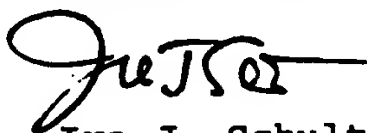
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been mailed on March 3, 2004, reporting that prosecution was being reopened. The undersigned never received this Interview Summary. A copy of the Interview Summary was finally received by fax on July 9, 2004 and is attached hereto.

Accordingly, since prosecution in this application had been reopened on March 1, 2004, an extension of time was not necessary and a refund of the \$475.00 fee paid for the extension of time is requested.

In view of the fact that the application was no longer under Final rejection, a Notice of Appeal was also not necessary and the Appeal filed on June 16, 2004, is hereby withdrawn. A refund of the Notice of Appeal fee of \$165.00 is also requested.

The \$640.00 refund may be credited to the deposit account of the undersigned, No. 04-0753.

Respectfully Submitted,



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